

COUNTRY

East Germany

REPORT

TOPIC

Schoenhauser Damm Airfield

EVALUATION

PLACE OBTAINED

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DATE OF CONTENT

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9 February 1953

REFERENCES

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ENCLOSURES (NO. &amp; TYPE) 1 - one sketch on ditto

REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. [redacted] construction work at Schoenhauser Damm airfield was performed by the Bauunion Leipzig and that the airfield was to be constructed similar to Muhlwinkel airfield. 25X1
2. On 9 January, work was still in progress at the field. No aircraft were stationed at the installation. The area under construction was bordered by the Schoenhauser Damm - Hohengoehrener Damm to the west, by the Schoenhauser Damm - Gross Wudick road to the north and by the Hohengoehrener Damm - Schollene road to the south. Its eastern border was 60 to 80 meters west of the Schoenfeld-Schmetzdorf path which extends from northwest to southeast. The field was surrounded by woods and measured 3,000 to 3,200 meters in an eastwest direction and 1,000 to 1,200 meters in a north-south direction. 25X1
3. [redacted] the Leipzig Bauunion was charged with the completion of the project by March 1953. Narrow-gauge field railroad cars hauled earth to the field from the woods north of the field. Between 11 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. on 9 January, about two groups of 70 workers leveled the field. This work was completed in the eastern third of the field; it was still in progress in the middle section, while the western third was not yet covered with the top layer of earth. 25X1
4. [redacted] about 200 men were employed at the field. The workers were quartered in buildings outside the field. On 9 January, about 100 workers were counted at the installation. Possibly, another portion of workers worked in a peat-pit north of the field where, according to an employee of the field, the earth was allegedly excavated for the airfield. 25X1
5. [redacted] a barbed wire fence was to be erected around the field. On 9 January, 18 to 20 workers put in wooden poles for the fence along the southern edge of the field and 10 to 12 additional workers excavated holes for the poles which were 3.4 meters long. The poles projected 2.4 meters above the ground. The lumber for the poles was allegedly cut in the woods in the vicinity of the field. Barbed wire was not yet fitted, and no barbed wire reels were observed at the field on 9 January. 25X1
6. On 9 January, no brick buildings, concrete runways or taxiways were observed at the field. No material dumps were observed which might indicate the intended

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construction of such installations. There were only two low wooden buildings, one of which was occupied by a Soviet guard detail of 12 to 15 men. The second low wooden building was occupied by the construction staff.

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7. Several piles of runway mats were observed near the Soviet guard detail. These mats were to be used as an auxiliary runway.

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8. There were no paved approach roads to the field. the entrance gate to the field was to be built in the western third of the southern edge of the field. There was no spur track and, no such spur track was to be built.

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1. Comment. It appears possible that the Schoenhauser Damm airfield is to be improved similar to Mahlwinkel airfield. two lanes are being excavated at the field. These lanes probably are the scheduled runway and taxiway as was also inferred from previously forwarded construction plans on Mahlwinkel airfield.

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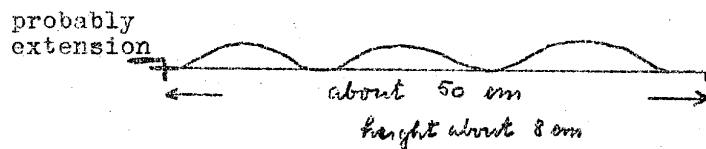
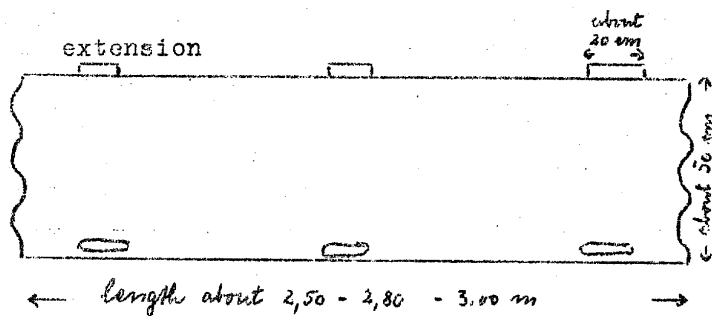
2. Comment. For sketch of runway mat, see Annex. the runway mats in Schoenhauser Damm in September 1952. According to another report, five carloads of sheet metal were shipped from Eisenach to Ludicke railroad station on 24 August 1952. The present report confirms the presence of the runway mats. For sketch of runway mat, see Annex. This sketch shows that one mat has three grooves on a width of about 50 cm. This number appears too small because the aircraft wheels when touching ground must run in one trail. It must be assumed that each mat has more grooves which are less than 8 cm deep.

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Corrugated Sheet Runway Mat Observed at  
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